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AMENDMENT

This paper is submitted in response to a non-final office action dated December 19, 2008 (“Office Action”), in which the Examiner rejected the claims as directed to non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101) and obvious (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) over cited art. The attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview on March 11, 2009 discussing amendments to overcome the cited art, which Applicants submit herein for reconsideration. Applicants cancel claims 20-23, 26, 28, 30, and 32-34 and add claims 37-49, including claims 38-49 which include the requirements of claims 37, 24, 25, 29, 31, and 36 in system and computer readable storage medium forms. Applicants traverse the rejections with respect to the amended claims and submit that all pending claims 24, 25, 27, 29, 31, and 35-49 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8.